

Theorem 1 If a vector space V has a basis $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$, then any set in V consisting of more than n vectors must be linearly dependent.

Proof:

Let $B' = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, b\} \subset V$ be a set having $n + 1$ elements.
 $\because \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ is a basis for V
 \implies each vector of V (eventually for $b \in B'$) can be written as a linear combination of vectors from $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$
 \therefore for $b \in B', \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$ such that
$$b = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

 $\implies \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n + (-1)b = 0$
 $\implies -1 \neq 0$, even if all $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$
 $\implies B' = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, b\}$ is linearly dependent.